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A Bengalurean is now mapping history carved in stone of a bygone glorious past preserved in over 1,500 temples, many of them lost in time

STONE TEMPLE PILOT

'Out of 1,500 Hoysala temples, 1,200 can be traced'

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The Hoysala temples of Belur, Halebid and Somanathapura are India's nominations for UNESCO world heritage sites for 2022-23.

However, fact is, there are tens of hundreds of architectural jewels as the aforementioned temples either forgotten or lost in time, that mark the legacy of the erstwhile Hoysala empire.

To explore and perhaps restore such architectural gems, Shashidhara HG, is now mapping the Hoysala temples to understand more about the architecture. After referring to several books about the history of Hoysala temples, he was able to make a list of 1,200 temples in Karnataka and Tamil Nadu so far.

The Hoysala ruled Karnataka for more than 300 years. They were dominant in southern Karnataka and northern Tamil Nadu. In the 12th and 13th centuries, four to five cities could be identified in Karnataka as the capital of the Hoysala, the main ones being Belur and Halebid.

Shashidhara found out that the Hoysala were following a number of religions such as Shaivism, Vaishnavism and Jainism. People of different religions had built more than 1,500 temples.

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"In Halebid, 99% of tourists only visit Hoysaleshwara and Shantaleshwara temples. They don't know there are 18 other temples in the same village.

—— Shashidhara HG

(Above) Somanathapura, near Mysore, houses the Keshava temple — the last great temple built by the Hoysala dynasty. Shashidhara HG (inset)

Reinfections driving spurt in covid-19?

Detailed epidemiological and genomic study necessary to be certain, say docs

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With Delhi and Mumbai witnessing a rise in covid-19 cases, health experts said those who have already got covid should not become complacent as there are chances of reinfection. A health expert said, "A section of people who were infected/admitted to care during the previous waves is not adhering to covid appropriate behaviour saying they are immune to the virus. However, this may not be true as reinfections are quite common during every wave."

Some experts, meanwhile, claimed an infection could provide immunity against a particular strain and not the virus. In India, the first wave was largely driven by Alpha or Wuhan variants while Delta was dominant in the second wave and Omicron during the third. According to the latest health bulletin, there are 156 cases of Alpha, 13.3% Delta and its sublienages, 3.3% of Kappa, pango, etc, 23.9% of BA.1.1.529M, 2.6% of BA1 and 73.6% of BA2.

Dr Siri Kamath of BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, Kengeri, said a detailed epidemiological and

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 Night Market

SteppinOut brings yet another unique themed event -- the retro edit of their popular Night Market. From pop-ups to collectibles and a wide variety of action figures to pick from, these items will make for perfect gifts. Indulge in a delicious variety of food ranging from perfectly seasoned gravies to biryanis and starters with vegan and vegetarian options. Take your fur babies along for a fun time. **Where: Jayamahal Palace Hotel**
When: April 23, 12 pm – 10 pm;
Register: dineout.co.in

02 Tune in!

Catch Agam perform live at Forum Koramangala Mall. Agam is a Bengaluru-based contemporary Carnatic progressive rock band formed in the year 2003. The current lineup consists of Harish Sivaramakrishnan (vocals), Swamy Seetharaman (keyboards and lyricist), T Praveen Kumar (lead guitar), Aditya Kasyap (bass guitar and backing vocals), Sivakumar Nagarajan (ethnic percussions), Jagadish Natarajan (rhythm guitar) and Yadhunandan (drummer).
Where: Forum Koramangala Mall
When: April 23, 6:30 pm; Register: insider.in

03 Women in art

Check out 'The Primacy of 5' the first ever solo show of Bengaluru-based artist Jay Varma, a fifth generation descendent of Raja Ravi Varma. Comprising some of Jay's earliest works, the show will feature 13 paintings done in a variety of mediums, ranging from color pencil work to graphite (how the artist started his career) and ending with oil paintings. In this series, Jay Varma brings to the fore five women from the Ramayana and Mahabharata.
Where: Gallery G, Lavelle Road; When: Till April 30

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For the common man

Farmer leader Kodihalli Chandrashekar, head of Karnataka Rajya Raitha Sangha (KRRS), joined the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the presence of Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal at National College Grounds, Basavanagudi

Pay cuts for Health Dept workers playing hooky

A biometric attendance system will record how many leaves officers, doctors, and workers take; based on that, their salary will be deducted

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Think before you bunk seems to be the mantra for the State Health Department's staff as their salary will be directly linked to the number of hours they work.

The Health Department has decided to create a system of accountability for its staff by implementing a biometric attendance system. Under the new system, the salaries of officers, doctors and staff will be based on their attendance.

Currently, around 65,318 staff members including officers are working in 3,230 institutions under the Health Department. Health Minister Dr K Sudhakar said that he had received several complaints from elected representatives and members of the public that doctors and other staff were not available at hospitals and offices during working hours.

"The indiscipline of government officials will impact delivery of public health care services. So, I have given instructions to deduct the salary of those who weren't present during working hours," said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

All hospitals and other offices under the Health Department will be installed with a biometric attendance system (AEBS) which will record the attendance based on the Aadhar card of the doctors, officers and staff.

"This will bring a qualitative change in the department by ushering in more discipline, accountability and efficiency," said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar.

Biometric attendance had been stopped due to Covid-19, but it has again been made mandatory from the past two months. This has been conveyed through several meetings and circulars. However, some staffers and officers still haven't been registering biometric attendance. Now, a proper warning and an order has been issued. If anyone fails to register biometric attendance, they will be marked absent and will receive a pay cut, he said.

BBMP health workers conduct a health survey among the underprivileged (file)

Responsibility of the DDO

It is the responsibility of all district development officers (DDO) to check all AEBS under their jurisdiction and submit a report on providing salaries to the DHO concerned. They will inspect the report and provide directions about releasing and withholding salaries.

Higher officers will inspect the work of DHOs. If anyone is found to have less than 80 per cent attendance, their payment will be withheld and further actions will be taken. In case they have an attendance of 80 per cent, the salary will be released and they will be questioned about the reason for the 20 per cent absence and a notice will be served. If the reason for absence is genuine, the matter will be closed.

In case, the information is false, a portion of the pay will be reduced from the next month's salary. If salaries are given without verifying the attendance, the DDOs will be held responsible and action will be taken against them. If the supervision is improper, action will also be taken against the DHO.

"This will usher in more discipline, accountability, and efficiency
– Dr K Sudhakar, Health Minister

Timetable for attendance

Administration offices:
10 am, 1 pm and 5.30 pm
Hospitals: **9 am, 1 pm and 4.30 pm**
Those working in shifts at hospitals
First shift: **8 am, 11 am and 2 pm**
Second shift: **2 pm, 5 pm and 8 pm**
First shift: **8 pm, 12 am and 8 am (next day)**

Weekly review

In the weekly review by the Health Department, a review about the attendance and salaries will also be taken. If there is any lacuna in the implementation of the new rule, strict action will be taken. The doctors, officers and staff have been instructed to register their attendance thrice a day. Separate times have been set for hospitals and offices, Minister Sudhakar said.

After protest, we are back to drawing board

Team to go back to DULT for another look at Gandhi Bazaar pedestrianisation proposal

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The pedestrianisation plan of Gandhi Bazaar is soon set to go back to the drawing board. Following protests against the project, Chickpet MLA Uday B Garudhachar has said that his team is will now go back to Department of Urban Land Transport (DULT) to reconsider the proposal and draw a fresh one by taking the consent of all the stakeholders.

Garudachar told BM, "Though pedestrianisation is an excellent move, we have to bow to the pressure of the people. So, we will soon meet the DULT commissioner V Manjula for a revision of this proposal. We will sit and discuss what best can be done and what can be done in everyone's interest."

The protestors argue that the street vendors should not be troubled as they contribute to the charm of our Basavanagudi's vibrant bazaar area. Instead, BBMP and DULT should engage in programs that help improve the lives of vendors by providing basic necessities like stall arrangements, washrooms, and drinking water facilities to the vendors, they said. Owners of property adjacent to these roads are concerned that replacing the existing tarmac roads with cement will reduce groundwater levels within their properties and change the soil structure beneath their properties resulting in settlements, cracks, or even structural failure.

Among the voices supporting pedestrianisation is Bengaluru Bicycle Mayor Sathya Sankaran. He said, "We should support the movement towards more pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly cities. There are many ways to get there but our self interest cannot stand in the way of these goals. Not everyone will win everything, cars and motor vehicles will lose out to these modes and that has to be accepted in our minds," he said. He said all thoe who own and drive cars are not going to disposed them off, but all should accept certain inconveniences "That's where the problem lies. Whether it's accepting narrower roads or waiting longer in traffic or paying more fees to use the car. We have to pay the price or we won't make forward movement," he said.

Plan was to pedestrianise Gandhi Bazaar Main Road as there would be hustle bustle of vehicles and walkers here in the day

BM had reported on April 19 about the protestors' concern over the plan

> **We should support the movement towards more pedestrian, cycling and public transport friendly cities** – Sathya Sankaran

The proposal

According to the plan drawn by DULT, consultants recommended that Gandhi Bazaar Main Road between KR Road and DVG Road be converted as a pedestrian zone with provision for bus operation -- the centre of the road must be reserved for buses only. This lane has to be separated from pedestrians by way of barricading the bus lane. However, delivery vehicles can be allowed only during restricted hours for loading/unloading.

"It was also observed that two wheelers and cars are parked on the carriageway reducing the capacity of the roadway. Hence these parking spaces should be relocated within convenient walking distance. There exists an abandoned flower market on Gandhi Bazaar Main Road. In order to meet the parking demand, it is proposed that a multi level parking facility be provided at this location, near the corporation flower market Gandhi Bazaar is an important street in Basavanagudi... Due to the high in flow of pedestrians to Gandhi Bazaar all through the day, it was felt that, the stretch of Gandhi Bazaar Main Road be pedestrianised for the safety of pedestrians and to keep up the vibrancy of the market," the report said.

In other cities

The DULT proposal cites examples of Hyderabad's Charminar Pedestrianisation Project where it was proposed for a vehicle-free buffer zone, planned road widening, parking lots, street design, infrastructure and lighting, street furniture, utilities and signage scheme. Jaipur's Pedestrianisation programme had three phases of implementation. The first phase included pedestrianisation of narrow streets. The Nanjing Road in Shanghai was one of the world's longest shopping districts with six km long are pedestrianised, and it attracted over one million visitors daily. Many side streets were pedestrianised and many pedestrian walkways were built in the pedestrianised areas. A real estate organisation was formed to manage the area, ensuring the street involves foreign investors. In case of Malioboro Avenue to Sultan Place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia, the road was closed from 3 – 9 every Saturday and Sunday during the peak hour for a month, claims the DULT study.

2 arrested in PSI recruitment scam

Two persons Rudra Gowda and Ayyali Desai, the gunman of Afzalpur MLA MY Patil, have been arrested in connection with the irregularities in PSI recruitment test.

Speaking to media persons in Kalaburagi Bommai said, arrangements were made on the lines of UPSC recruitment test. Irregularities had been perpetrated despite the tight security and transparent system. "We want to put an end to this," Bommai said. Officials were instructed to conduct a thorough preliminary investigation immediately after getting the complaint about irregularities. The case was handed over to CID when differences were noticed in answer scripts. Instructions have been issued for speedy and transparent investigation without wasting the time. Heads of educational institutions in Kalaburagi have been questioned. "The head of Jnanajyothi School is absconding. Search is on to nab him. Ayyali Desai, gunman of Congress MLA MY Patil and Rudra Gowda have been arrested," Bommai said.

The candidates who passed the exam too would be questioned and a thorough investigation would be conducted, Bommai said. "Stringent action would be taken against anyone who is involved in this case. CID has been given a free hand to conduct the probe. Other parties have the record of covering up similar cases during their regimes. We can recall times when PSI tests were conducted 3-4 times," Bommai said.

Reacting to the demand from opposition parties for a Court supervised probe or CBI probe, Bommai said, "a decision on the further course would be taken after getting the interim report of the probe". — BMB

Discrepancies in PSI recruitment tests happened despite tight security

FAKE NEWS BUSTER MIRROR

OBESE PEOPLE NOT MOST VULNERABLE TO COVID

THE CLAIM

In a show on a British TV channel, the presenter claimed that obesity is one of the most serious underlying conditions for Covid-19.

SO, WHAT'S THE TRUTH?

There are discussions that weight is a significant underlying factor for Covid-19, and the Britain's NHS lists "severe obesity"—a body mass index (BMI) of over 40—as a condition which could mean someone is at high risk from the virus. However, it is inaccurate to claim that obesity is "more a determinant of how you're going to handle Covid than anything", as the TV presenter claimed, says fullfact.org. According to the website age is the biggest underlying risk factor for dying of covid-19. Even in India, the elderly were in the most vulnerable category and hence vaccinated first.

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TOPCOMMENTS

No sense in decision to ban digital cameras from park

Our story 'Digital cameras banned in Lalbagh' has got a few responses. **Hemant Bohra writes, go powers will make rules. Silly or impractical, who cares. (This is) the problem with all government departments. No wonder we get so few tourists. A user writes this is a senseless decision. The mobile camera too has flash and the shooting events on mobiles also distracts visitors. Rahuk writes, looks like officials and advisory committee own Lalbagh. A newly married couple may want to click photos at this heritage Botanical Park. Silly argument about the flash. We do not need flash to take photos in the day time. Lalbagh is being run by peculiar people it would seem.**

WEBHITS

3 most-read articles on the Mirror site

- Bengaluru NGO gets global accolade
- Digital cameras banned in Lalbagh
- TN govt to begin work on Hosur airport

Bengaluru's rajakaluves are in dire need of attention

Fifty per cent of these channels connecting water bodies need to be unclogged, says BBMP data

For any metropolis, rajakaluves are key links that connect one lake to another. These are essentially channels that connect waterbodies and play an important link in draining off the rainwater. For a city like Bengaluru which receives sudden heavy showers, this is a key civic facility. However, since decades, the rajakaluves have not been cleared which is the main reason for the waterlogging in the city.

The system is an interconnected network of channels that ensures the vitality of waterbodies. A small obstruction leaves the waterbody choked; it eventually dries up and dies.

Bengaluru currently has 859.9 kilometres spanning a vast rajakaluve network (east zone: 73.31 km, west: 55.24 km, south: 53.22 km, Koramangala valley: 71.30 km, Yelahanka: 98.18 km, Mahadevapura: 199 km, Bommanahalli: 112 km, Rajarajeshwari Nagar: 140.19 km and Dasarahalli: 57 km). However, only half of these rajakaluves have been developed (490.10 km) and the rest are yet to be remodelled which is the main reason for flash floods during the rainy season.

According to data sourced from the BBMP, 405.6 km of channels need to be cleared (east zone: 18.96 km, west: 7.66 km, south: 6.63 km, Koramangala valley: 18.39 km, Yelahanka: 58.68 km, Mahadevapura: 135.01 km, Bommanahalli: 43.17 km, RR Nagar: 74.61 km and Dasarahalli: 42.52 km).

So far, crores of rupees have been spent on developing and maintaining the channels. But these drains are overflowing into low-lying areas and creating havoc in the city. BBMP officials every year assure that they are well prepared for managing the rainy season. But nothing has changed in the city.

Palike officials repair a rajakaluve that was clogged for a long time, after residents raised a hue and cry (file pic)

The rajakaluve system is an interconnected network of channels; a small obstruction will choke the waterbody

It was said that there are sensors installed in 21 places that will send alert messages when 75 per cent of the drains are filled with water. But, there were no alert messages when these rajakaluves overflowed with rainwater recently, flooding many homes ultimately.

In October 2021, many low-lying areas were filled with water due to heavy rains. Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai visited the affected areas and assured Rs 1,500 crore in funds would be released. BBMP also submitted a 55-km stormwater drain development proposal of Rs 482 crore. But the government has not released any funds.

When there was severe damage due to severe rains, the government ordered BBMP to clear all the encroachments on these drains. There are 2,626 storm water drain encroachments identified and some of them cleared. But still, 696 encroachments are to be cleared.

When a building was constructed encroaching upon stormwater drains, the direction of the water flow changed and created havoc. But BBMP still has not cleared the encroachments.

An official said, "We have cleared the encroachments in empty spaces, but not buildings. We are writing letters to conduct a survey on the encroachment of stormwater drains and will submit a report. But no surveyors have been appointed yet."

–Prakash VL

An identity, for a better life

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In more ways than one, manual scavengers are the unsung heroes of our society. After a long struggle, manual scavengers got a much-needed identity in Namma Bengaluru. Following the Central Government's instructions, manual scavengers within the BBMP limits have been issued with identity cards.

To begin with, on Thursday, Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta issued identity cards to eight manual scavengers, and efforts are on to issue cards to the others as well.

Earlier, manual scavengers were given the task of disposing night soil, a euphemism for human faeces collected. To eradicate it, the Government of India had enforced Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Rules, 2013.

According to the act, in 2013, 201 people who were previously working as manual scavengers within BBMP limits were identified through a survey. BBMP has been taking all the necessary steps to bring them and those dependent on them out of manual scavenging work by creating a sustainable life for them.

Relatives, friends & members of the manual scavenging community protest against the death of a worker who died while trying to clean a sewage pit, last year

The 201 manual scavengers identified in 2013 were provided with a one-time cash assistance (OTCA) of Rs 40,000 from the Central Government, and 185 Safai Karmacharis have already availed DBT (direct benefit transfer).

Identity cards are being prepared and distributed to the 201 manual scavengers. Based on the identification cards, the manual scavengers will be given rehabilitation facilities from the Government of India, the State Government, the State Safai Karmachari Commission, and the BBMP. Identity cards are already being distributed through the Joint Commissioners of the zones concerned.

Manual scavengers left unidentified were also identified by organisations/ other associations in 2018-19. Again, a survey was conducted and 1,424 manual scavengers were identified and data was uploaded to the Government of India's Swachata Abhiyan mobile app. Facilities will be provided to them after approval from the Central Government.

There are 1,424 manual scavengers identified by BBMP. Manual scavengers who will get ID cards are eligible for all welfare programs, including student fee reimbursement, 'onti mane' facility, skill training, self-employment, and other welfare programs by BBMP. The BBMP aims to make society economically empowered by access to a dignified life, and is taking the necessary steps to achieve this.

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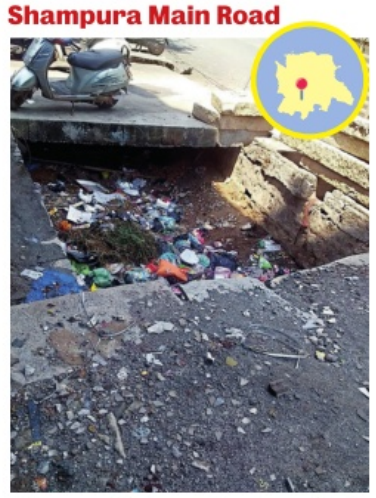
Buses, flouting rules

Rajajinagar

KSRTC buses stop just after traffic signal at Navrang blocking the traffic movement. Despite no parking zone, buses stop for passengers. Traffic Dept should strictly take action and monitor the road 24x7 and keep it clear for a minimum 500 metres from the traffic signal for easy movement.

The stench of waste

Shampura Main Road



This open drainage line is a well of waste and death. Bikers have fallen into this hole repeatedly and it is a treasure trove of garbage and stench.

Root of accident

Jayanagar

An old tall tree is posing problems at 9th Main Road, 5th block, Jayanagar. It may fall any time. The BBMP and Forest Dept should trim the branches.

Pretty in pink: Nandi Hills goes abloom

There is a carpet of lily blooms on the side of the hills welcoming visitors

Following the recent rainfall, Nandi Hills is a sight to see in pink. Lily blooms have cropped up everywhere on the famed tourist spot.

The flowers, Zephyranthes carinata are named after the greek god Zephyr and Anthus which means flower. These flowers grow in a 15 to 30 cm plant and a flower of three centimeters with six petals.

According to flowers of India, "Pink Rain Lily is a bulbous plant, quite common in the cultivated areas of the Himalayas. It is also a popular house plant. It bears linear, hollow, strap-shaped or grass-like leaves. The splashing arrays of flowers in different hues looks fascinating. It is useful as a border plant in front of the shrubberies and can decorate windows when in shallow pots or bowls." Anyway, visitors had a pleasant surprise.

The Nandi Hills is seeing a surge of crowds, especially during the weekends as Chikkaballapur district administration has thrown open the doors of the hills on weekends. Earlier, the hill station was barred for tourists on weekends to follow crowd control following the covid pandemic. Only those who had booked rooms on the hill station were allowed to visit.

Ropeway on the way

The demand for a ropeway to Nandi Hills is gaining momentum. The ropeway work has got a new boost with the tourism department working on the pre-approval process and also making preparations for inviting tenders. There are many projects currently in progress to make Nandi hills an international tourist destination. The primary work for developing the project is being done. Two companies have conducted a field study on the ropeway project.

The crowd of tourists has increased at tourist spot ever since it was thrown open on weekends

The locals have also been surveyed with a drone survey to identify the borders of the corridor. Soil testing has also been done at the project site. The rope way will begin from a seven-acre land that includes vehicle parking space.

The landing spot will also have a children's play area, guest house, and other amenities. The proposed ropeway will be of 3 km long and will have 20 pillars. Each car will can carry 10 passengers. Around two acres will be reserved on top of the hill for the ropeway landing. The project cost is pegged at Rs.100 crore. —Prakash VL

Code of property conduct

Zonal classification plays vital role in computing tax

BBMP decides to auto populate zones based on the street codes

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Following widespread misuse by people during self-assessment of property tax, the BBMP has now decided to approach a different method. The civic agency has decided to auto populate and freeze the zone based on the street codes.

In the year 2008-09, a self assessment scheme of property tax was introduced in BBMP requiring the taxpayers to file the property tax returns based on a self assessment method. "The zonal classification plays a vital role in computing the property tax. All the streets, areas or roads under the BBMP limits were divided into six zones. The zones from (A to F) have different rates based on the occupancy (own or tenant) and also for various categories under usage. As the scheme of taxation was self assessment, it was the tax payer's obligation to declare the property tax under SAS," said BBMP Chief Commissioner Gaurav Gupta.

Gupta said, during the declaration, there have been instances of wrong zonal classification which has led to leakage of tax revenues for BBMP. "Further, this option of selecting a zone was found to be liable to misuse. Hence, it was decided to auto populate and freeze the zone based on the street codes in a scientific way because of which there would be better revenue collections and no scope for misuse."

As a new measure, zonal classification will be according to gazette notifications published during SAS 2008 and 2016. The capping of zones will be applicable as per norms and has been updated by the Assistant Revenue Officers. The zonal classification will be auto populated on the basis of streets or roads and selection of zones will be henceforth disabled for either tax payers or department officials.

> **Only those properties declared in the wrong zone will automatically be directed to Form V for calculation of tax**
>
> –Gaurav Gupta, BBMP Chief Commissioner

The properties that have declared tax under wrong zonal classification will be moved to correct zones. "Only those properties declared in the wrong zone will be automatically directed to Form V for calculation of tax. As usual any change related to occupancy, usage or addition or deletion in structure will be done by Form V. Even for new properties created by AROs, zonal classification will be auto populated. In case of no change in zone, occupancy or usage, the property tax would remain the same and the same would be done by form IV," Gupta added.

How hard is it to get the BDA property tax payment process to work?

There are allegations of discrepancies in BDA property tax payment all over again.

Sham Jujare S of NPKL Progressive Front told Bangalore Mirror, "The BDA tax portal is not functioning again. BDA has removed the payment link option in its tax portal as a result it is blocking the public from paying tax for FY 22-23. Earlier also when they started collecting tax for this financial year, the portal was not working."

This problem of the payment link option being disabled is a recurrent one. "Due to issues with tax calculation they have currently suspended the payment link to pay the tax. Currently the BDA Revenue department is working on fixing the tax calculation issue," he said. According to him the BDA has provided a 5% tax concession for all taxpayers who complete the payment by April 30. But as the payment option is disabled in its tax portal, there are hardly 10 days to avail of the 5% concession, he said.

Tinu Cherian, a citizen, said, "The BDA Bengaluru property tax is almost doubled this year. From Rs 6,500 earlier, it has now been increased to Rs 11,400 as they have added Rs 2,400 as maintenance fees and another Rs 2,400Rs "maintenance fees arrears". I wonder why we don't even have a tarred road in front of us."

IN BRIEF

Stab for a stare: Strange friends

In a weird incident, a man stabbed his friend with a dagger and then took him to hospital at Hegganahalli main road even as hundreds of people were milling around. Police said a stare was the reason for the stabbing. The victim Suri was allegedly staring at his friend Muniraju. So, Muniraju came to settle scores with Suri. Then, after stabbing Suri, Muniraju carried him on his shoulder for half a kilometre and admitted him to hospital. A Muniraju was trying to flee, he was arrested. —BMB

Guidance value cut to stay

The State Government had decided to cut the property guidance value by 10% for another three months. Revenue Minister Mr R Ashoka said, "The rebate was earlier applicable from January 1, 2022 to March 31, 2022. The registrations were hit due to Covid earlier. With a 10% discount, there was an increase in registrations which not only helped the people but also the government in terms of revenue. We received requests from various quarters to extend this scheme. Hence, we have decided to extend the 10% rebate on registration of all the properties from April 25, 2022 to July 24, 2022."

Bad weather

Flights coming to Hyderabad from Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Visakhapatnam were diverted to other cities as a thunderstorm hit the city and suburbs on Thursday evening. Parts of Hyderabad and surrounding districts experienced light to moderate rains along with hailstorm and lightning. The bad weather also forced the airport authorities to divert the flight from four cities. The Delhi-Hyderabad flight was diverted to Bengaluru while the Bengaluru-Hyderabad flight was diverted to Nagpur. —IANS

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Edu dept wants this to be 'learning revival year'

Schools take exception to academic calendar stating it will be difficult to conduct enough classes in October

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After covid cast its effect on education, the Education Department hopes to have a full fledged academic year starting from June. So, it has brought out an academic calendar detailing the number of days a student needs to be taught. However, schools are opposing this, stating that there are many holidays in October-November and it would be difficult to complete the portions.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister BC Nagesh said, "For the last three academic years, education has been affected by Covid and then online education. So, now it is a challenge to get the students to catch up with the backlog over the three academic years. So, we have decided to announce the next academic year as the learning revival year."

Preparations on for IInd PU exams at a centre in the city on Thursday

This is said to be the first time in recent years where a month-wise academic calendar has been issued to schools to follow. It has been calculated that schools will get a total of 270 working days in the next academic year. Of this, June, July, September and next year's March will have 26 working days while August, November will have 24 days and February next year 23 days. The maximum working days will be available in December this year with 27 days. As far as tests are concerned, the first formative assessment is scheduled for July 18-20 and second FA between September 22 to 24.

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> –D Shashi Kumar, KAMS

Bu, schools say that it may be difficult to stick to the time table in October. Associated Managements of Primary and Secondary Schools in Karnataka (KAMS) general secretary D Shashi Kumar told Mirror, "We have been told to conduct classes for 22 days in October. However, the department has not considered that there will be 14 days of holidays in October for Dasara holidays (October 3 to 16). As Diwali will also be in October 2022, it would add for another three days of holidays. So, it will be difficult to conduct the midterm exams scheduled to be held between October 17 to November 25."

Health experts say that even if there is an uptick of Covid cases, it should not affect the regular school schedules.

Uptick in cases

On Thursday, the city reported 91 fresh cases, the highest since March 21. There were nine cases in other districts taking the State's tally to 100. With no death, the test positivity rate was 2.42 % in Bengaluru and 1.02% in State. On the other hand, the hospitalisation rate is low but there has been a slow increase.

What's driving covid surge?

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genomic study was necessary to be certain of what's behind the rise in cases.

Dr Sujay Prasad of Neuberg Diagnostics said despite the spike in cases, symptoms are mild and not as severe as the second wave. Vaccinations, as well as the booster doses, have significantly brought down the risk of severe disease in vulnerable populations, according to Dr Prasad.

"It is too early to say the uptick in cases is due to reinfections. Many people don't want to get tested even if their respective doctor has advised so. Currently, it is very much possible that the number of cases reported is just the tip of the iceberg as many patients are either opting for home test kits or doing self-quarantine. Some of the symptoms of weather-driven viral infections overlap covid signs. We will be in a better position to confirm once we have enough data to interpret," he said.

Dr Srikanta JT of Aster CMI Hospital stated, "Omicron was a common phenomenon during and after the third wave and the rise or uptick in cases currently is probably due to Omicron, but of a different strain."

Dr Kamath added, "There is a small spike in the number of covid cases in the city, as also a rise in the number of respiratory allergies and other respiratory infections. The trend of cases in the coming weeks has to be monitored in order to determine whether reinfections are playing a major role in propagating the infection in the community."

Meanwhile, a few health experts felt reinfections may not be as severe as earlier infections. Dr Raghu J of Sakra World Hospital said, "Reinfection cases will not be severe as compared to the first and second waves, thanks to vaccines. The World Health Organisation has said that if the virus gets mutated, the severity rate will be lower but the infectivity rates are comparatively higher."

He also said that since January, there has been a 35% rise in covid cases globally and we can witness the same in Delhi, Haryana, Kerala and Bengaluru. This can either be a reinfection of Omicron or due to a mutated variant, according to the doctor.

"It is important to note that at-risk patients such as pregnant women, diabetic patients, patients with kidney issues and cancer patients are more susceptible to a reinfection of the existing variant. Pandemics take three to five years to subside. In this period, there will be smaller waves, caused by mutations of the virus or reinfections of the existing variants. Immunity may vary among different places or states and that can be a major reason for reinfections or the cycle of covid waves," Dr Raghu added.

The stones of time

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"The Hoysala built more Shiva temples compared to Vaishnava temples. It is believed that initially people mainly followed Jainism but later shifted to Vaishnavism, so there are more Vaishnava temples. However, according to my investigation and study, I found out that there are more Shiva temples than any other temples. Among the 1,500 temples, 70 percent are devoted to Shiva, 25-28 percent belong to Vaishnava tradition and the remaining were Jain temples," said Shashidhara.

One of the striking features of Hoysala architecture is their intricate detail which sets them apart from the other temples of the world. Temples in the ancient days were built to showcase wealth. Hence, the kings made grand temples as a display of their wealth. It was also believed that building temples would usher blessings upon the builder, which can be a reason behind such a large number of temples built by the Hoysala.

Some of the salient features of these temples are that multiple shrines of different deities are built around a central pillared hall. Attention to detail is another extraordinary feat achieved by the Hoysala. The temples were built in soapstone, which made it easier for the sculptors to carve complex designs.

There was massive emphasis on the decoration of the temples through sculptures. The deities on both the interior and exterior walls were intricately carved. Even jewellery had detailed designs. The temples were built on a raised platform known as Jagati. The walls and the stairs of the temple followed a zigzag pattern.

People are aware only of the grandeur of the temples in Belur, Halebid and Somanathapura. However, there are many such undiscovered gems which can be found in the remote regions of Mandya and Chikkamagaluru districts.

One of the major challenges that Shashidhara faced while mapping the temples was often he would visit places that were mentioned in the books he referred to. But when he would reach the locations, he would find no temples. "I would go there and see that no temple is there. The scholars had written about the temples almost 40-50 years ago. Now there are no signs of those temples. Evidence of these temples are only in inscriptions which makes it more difficult to find them and is one of the biggest challenges," he said.

More than 1,500 temples were built by the Hoysala dynasty. Out of them, only 1,200 can be traced now. Even though these temples are known for their stellar architecture and are now an important part of history, there are many such temples which are in a dilapidated state. The government and local bodies are making no effort to preserve the ancient architecture. The lack of public awareness about the temples fails to generate tourism, hence no revenue is generated from these monuments.

"In Halebid, 99% of the tourists only visit Hoysaleshwara and Shantaleshwara temples. They do not know there are 18 other temples in the same village. Due to the lack of information, people do not visit other temples which are equally beautiful," added Shashidhara.

He mentioned that one of the reasons for mapping the Hoysala temples was to make people aware about their existence and to draw attention towards their poor condition.

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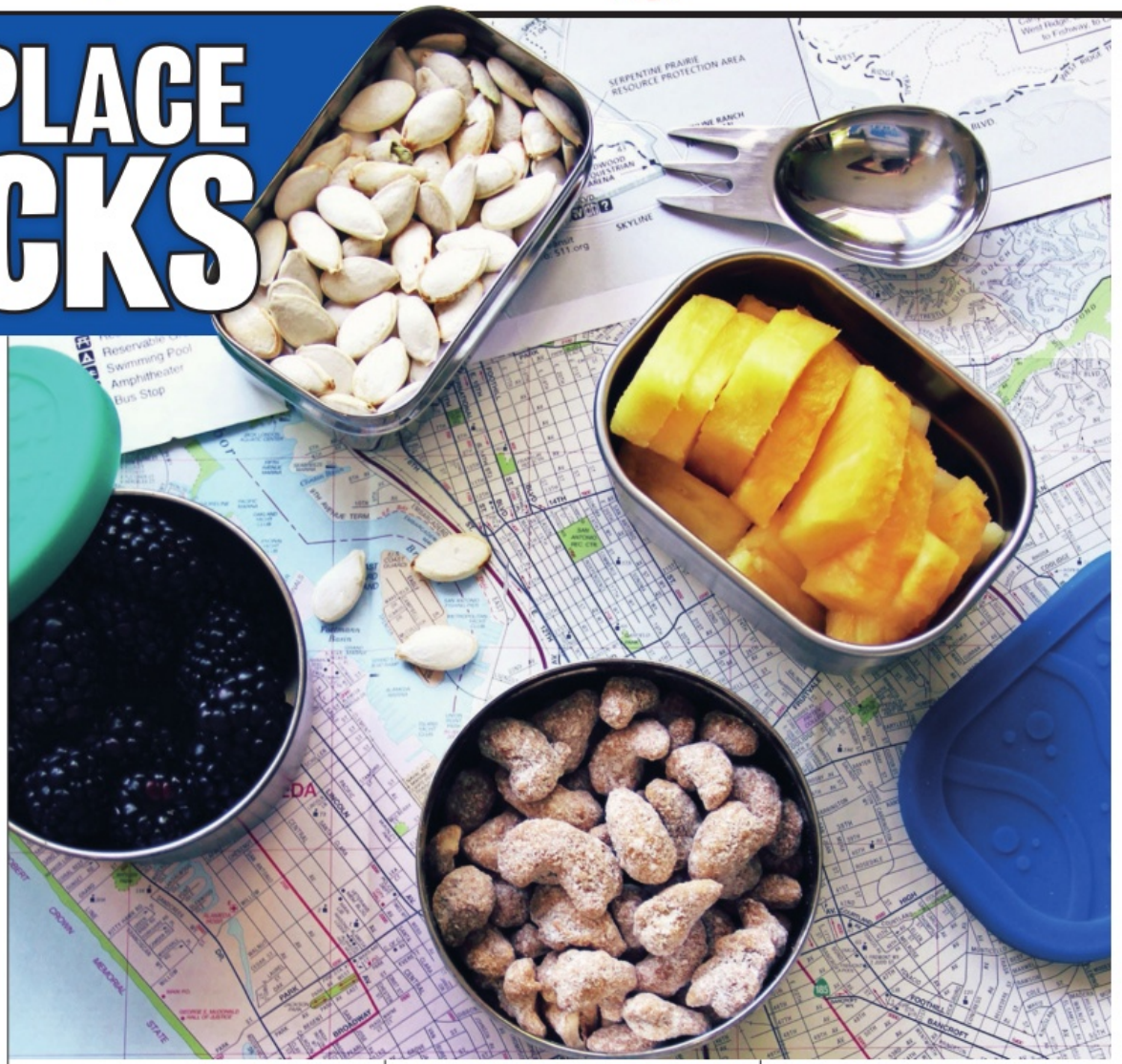

Unhealthy snacking can be bad for you. Here's how to snack smart

With offices reopening, employees are now gradually getting back to a regular work routine. While some dread long commutes and traffic snarls, others are glad to return to physical offices and indulge in much needed social interaction with colleagues over in-person meetings, team lunches, coffee breaks and more! As we prepare for this phased return to pre-pandemic normalcy, nutrition plays a key role in getting our brain and body ready for the daily grind.

Snacking through the day is one of the inevitable aspects of in-office work life. There is an urge to munch constantly, especially when in the company of others or to relieve stress. Unchecked, unhealthy snacking can take a toll on overall health.

Having said that, if you are fond of snacking, you don't need to forgo it. You just need to be smart about your food choices. But how does one find the perfect snack that is healthy but also tasty and can help satiate food cravings? What is the right combination of protein, fats and carbohydrates to fuel one's day? Read on to get started.

Make health a priority One way of ensuring that you are on top of your diet plan is by indulging in a healthy, timely snack to fuel your body with energy and essential nutrients. Opt for foods like a steamed sprouts salad topped generously with chopped cucumber, cottage cheese and tomatoes. You can also include boiled black chana or beans with a tablespoon of lemon juice. A bowl of yoghurt with raw vegetables is an equally filling and healthy option. Add celery, carrots, broccoli and tomatoes to make the dish delicious and rich in protein and calcium.

Smoothies are another healthy option that will tingle your taste buds and are easy to make. Pick fresh fruits or vegetables such as spinach, amla or cucumber, and add refreshing coconut water to the mix. Add five to six soaked almonds and one or two walnuts for extra protein, and you're good to go. Other light snacks, such as oats, idli or homemade dhokla, ensure that you'll stave off those hunger pangs.

On the post-meal pick-me-up, choose desserts such as custard apple kheer with jaggery (gur) and coconut milk or ragi coconut laddu, which is all ragi flour, coconut, jaggery and crunchy peanuts.

Snack for the right reasons Snacking is typically more due to habit or carvings rather than hunger. You snack when you are bored, angry, overjoyed or even surrounded by fun, social company. If you do not track your snack intake, it's easy to go overboard. Sure, a bag of chips or a handful of nankeen can seem insignificant as a one-off, but the impact on your health is huge if it becomes a regular feature. Strive to make healthier food choices and eat only when you are truly hungry.

Manage your snacking deliberately Now that you have plenty of snacking options that won't add too many carbohydrates and calories to your diet, you should be able to regulate your daily snack intake. Here's what to note when adding snacks to your meal plan:

- Control portion sizes to measure your snack intake * Plan at least two snacks each day to avoid impulsive snacking * Count the nutritional value of your snacks toward your overall diet plan
- Keep fruit and nuts in your bag for healthy on-the-go snack options * Consult your doctor or dietician for snacking suggestions tailored to your condition
- For a guilt-free way to power through your day, try munching on fresh fruits and vegetables, or even unflavoured popcorn
- Additionally, one can even include a balanced nutrition supplement like ensure to help increase muscle mass and energy, improve digestive health and boost immunity. For diabetic patients, a specific oral nutrition supplement like Ensure Diabetes Care between meals works well as it has a slow-release energy system to help manage blood glucose levels and support weight management

Thoughtful snacking decisions at the workplace can make life healthy and happy. Having the right food available when hunger strikes means you'll be more likely to make a healthy snacking decision, and this is sure to take you a long way! —IANS

MIRRORLIGHTS

Vigorous exercise during diet can reduce your craving for fatty foods: Study

In hopes of easing things up for human dieters, during a recent study, researchers found that rats on a 30-day diet who exercised intensely resisted cues for favoured, high-fat food pellets.

The findings of the research were published in the journal 'Obesity' by physiology and neuroscience researcher, Travis Brown and colleagues from Washington State University and Wyoming State University.

The experiment was designed to test resistance to the phenomenon known as "incubation of craving," meaning the longer the desired substance is denied, the harder it is to ignore signals for it. The findings suggest that exercise modulated how hard the rats were willing to work for cues associated with the pellets, reflecting how much they craved them.

While more research needs to be done, the study may indicate that exercise can shore up restraint when it comes to certain foods, said Travis Brown.

"A really important part of maintaining a diet is to have some brain power--the ability to say 'no, I may be craving that, but I'm going to abstain,'" said Brown. "Exercise could not only be beneficial physically for weight loss but also mentally to gain control over cravings for unhealthy foods."

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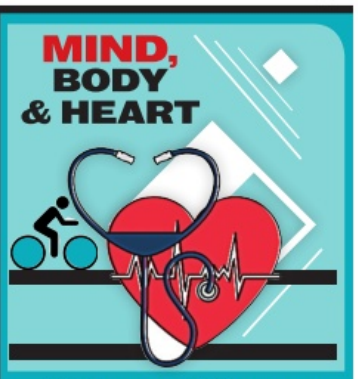

All problems solved

Dear Coleen

A few days ago, when my boyfriend and I were staying with my family for the weekend, he got down on his knee and proposed to me with a ring.
I was so shocked and there were so many happy people around that I felt forced to say yes, without having the time to even think about it.
This kind of thing is so typical of him - not taking into account how I'm going to feel and doing things off the cuff or without thinking through the consequences.
I do love him, but I'm not sure I'm ready to commit to marriage.
Following two rough years through the pandemic, I feel we have issues to sort out, including money, jobs and other stuff. But what can I do now? Thanks to him everyone else is already planning the party.

COLEEN SAYS

Firstly, don't concern yourself with other people – this is your life and it's a big decision. Don't walk down that aisle until you've resolved your issues.
Explain to your boyfriend how you feel and tell him that any wedding or party planning is on ice until you've talked about what's worrying you and discussed how you're going to move forward.
If you're satisfied, great; if you reach a stalemate, then engagements get broken all the time. The important thing is to have these conversations before you take that big step to marriage.
As for his big romantic gesture, it doesn't sound off the cuff or that he hadn't thought about it – he had a ring and he'd obviously planned it. I'm sure it was coming from a good place, but he clearly hadn't picked up on how you're feeling about the relationship.
If you haven't told him how you feel, you can't blame him for that.
Talk to him.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

 # Meet Malti Marie
Reports suggest that actor Priyanka Chopra-Jonas and singer Nick Jonas' daughter has been named, Malti Marie Chopra Jonas

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Exciting time for Rashmika

Actor Rashmika Mandanna, who made a lot of noise with her performance in 'Pushpa', is set to start shooting for 'Animal' with Ranbir Kapoor. Though her Bollywood debut film 'Mission Majnu' hasn't released yet, she is on a roll with projects in the pipeline.

Talking about this phase in her career, Rashmika shared, "It's an exciting time to be in the industry and I am doing some of the most exciting films. If I wasn't a part of these films, they would be in the list of films which I'd be super interested to watch in the theatres. Now since I am a part of these, I feel super pumped about it. I'm really looking forward to this year, as again all of these characters are so different from one and another." She further said, "I get to live these different lives and learn different things from these amazing actors, directors and the teams. I've met my teams already and I can't be more grateful to be working with them. I am super excited and I hope it goes well."

Rashmika will start working on her two Bollywood films and she is a part of Vijay Thalapathy's bilingual film announced recently. —ETimes

'Trauma doesn't go away completely'

Malaika Arora was injured in an accident, while she was returning to Mumbai after walking the ramp at the Pune Times Fashion Week. The actress was admitted following minor injury after her car was caught up in a pile up.

Malaika has resumed work and also made a glamorous appearance at Ranbir Kapoor and Alia Bhatt's post-wedding party. She recently opened up about the accident and stated that while she is recovering physically, mentally 'it doesn't go away completely'.

Speaking about the trauma, the actor told a news portal that at times when she watches a movie depicting an accident or showing blood, she gets flashes that send shivers down her spine.

Previously, Malaika had penned a note and thanked the doctors who assisted her when she met with the accident.

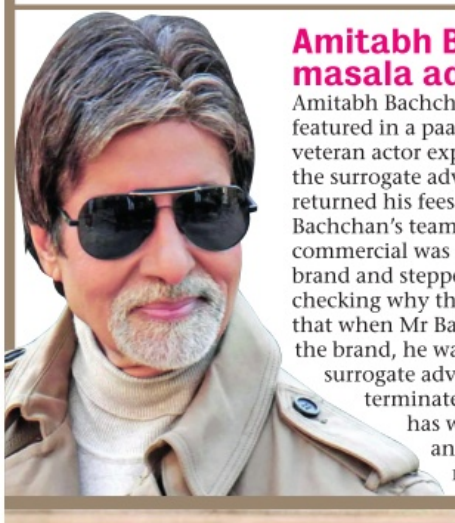
AD, SUBTRACT

Celebs who landed in controversy due to brand endorsements

Celebrity endorsements bring in a lot of money and popularity, but a few have also landed the actors in trouble. Stars are caught in controversy when fans question their choice of endorsements and products they promote. From Akshay Kumar to Amitabh Bachchan, a look at celebrities who landed in controversy because of their brand endorsements. —ETimes

Akshay Kumar's tobacco endorsement

Akshay Kumar joined Ajay Devgn and Shah Rukh Khan to endorse a paan masala brand recently. The actor, who is a fitness enthusiast, was trolled for his choice of brand. Soon, Akshay stepped down from the endorsement and said in a statement, "I am sorry. I would like to apologise to you, all my fans and well-wishers. Your reaction over the past few days has deeply affected me. While I have not and will not endorse tobacco, I respect the outpouring of your feelings in light of my association. With all humility, I step back. I have decided to contribute the entire endorsement fee towards a worthy cause..."



Amitabh Bachchan's paan masala advertisement

Amitabh Bachchan also faced backlash when he featured in a paan masala advertisement. The veteran actor expressed that he was not aware of the surrogate advertising and immediately returned his fees for the endorsement. Amitabh Bachchan's team had shared, "A few days after the commercial was aired, Mr Bachchan contacted the brand and stepped out of it last week. Upon checking why this sudden move - it was revealed that when Mr Bachchan became associated with the brand, he wasn't aware that it falls under surrogate advertising. Mr Bachchan has terminated the contract with the Brand, has written to them his termination and has returned the money received for the promotion."

Priyanka Chopra's jewellery endorsement

Priyanka Chopra was the face of Nirav Modi jewels and soon after the jeweler was embroiled in a fraud worth crores, the actor cut ties. Soon after it was reported that Nirav Modi had fled the country and after his fraudulent transactions to the tune of Rs 11,400 crore came to light, Priyanka distanced herself from the brand. Priyanka's spokesperson had told ANI, "In light of allegations, Priyanka Chopra has chosen to terminate her contract with the Nirav Modi brand."

Madhuri Dixit's noodle commercial

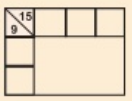
A few years ago Madhuri Dixit had landed in soup as she featured in the advertisement of a 2-minute noodle brand. The Food and Drug Administration in Uttarakhand, had sent a legal notice to the actor, asking her to explain her claims about the 'nutrition value' of the product she had claimed in the commercial. Preity Zinta and Amitabh Bachchan had also reportedly faced PILs for their endorsement of this product.

SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

Two normal balanced 6-sided dice are rolled. What is the probability that both downward facing numbers will be prime numbers?

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



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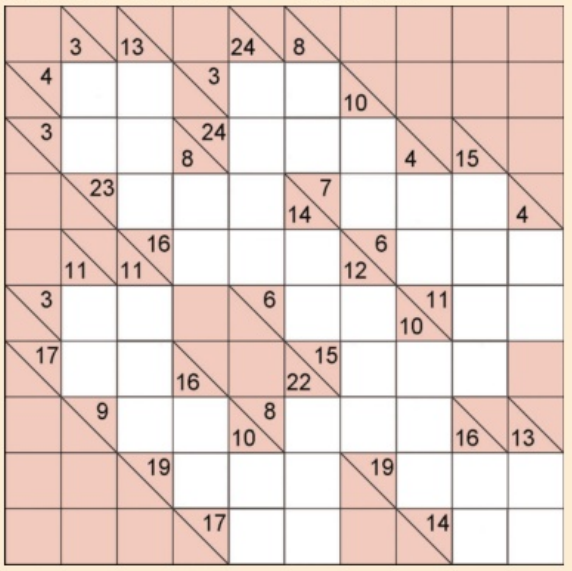

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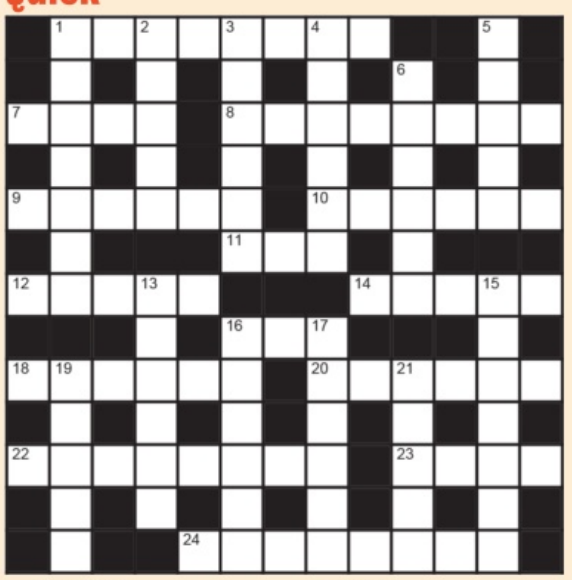

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9 Common bird (6)
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11 Merry or happy (3)
12 Our motherland (5)
14 Where beer guzzling classic rockers hang out off Brigade Road (5)
16 Pouchlike structure (3)
18 Gentle heat (6)
20 Checks the accounts? (6)
22 English queen (8)
23 Chooses or selects (4)
24 Extreme cruelty (8)

DOWN

1 Aquatic mammal (3,4)
2 Lawbreaking (5)
3 Formula One sport (6)
4 Ministers of religion (6)
5 Mistake (5)
6 Posture or attitude (6)
13 Convict (6)
15 Remain longer (7)
16 Nepalese porter (6)
17 Occult theosophy (6)
19 Zodiac sign (5)
21 Beehive dweller (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: H EQUALS G

G HKKU ETGZLXLT QGD FK AONLU JXGFD, GFU OD FKE OFELFE KF GTTOZOFH.

Linemaro

When I am with you, it doesn't matter where we are going

Mindchow

Love one another and you will be happy. It's as simple and as difficult as that

Joke of the day

Having a smoking section in a restaurant is like having a peeing section in a swimming pool

Loop

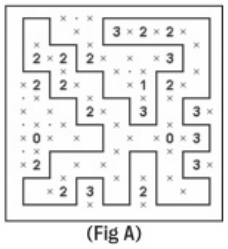
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

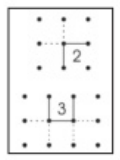
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

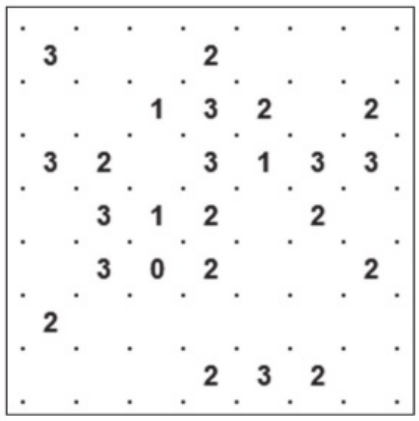
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



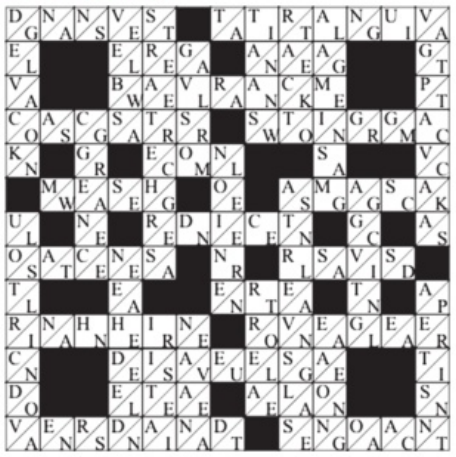
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



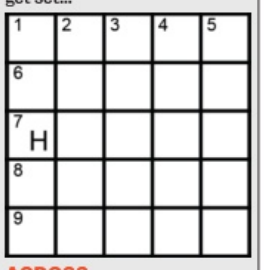
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

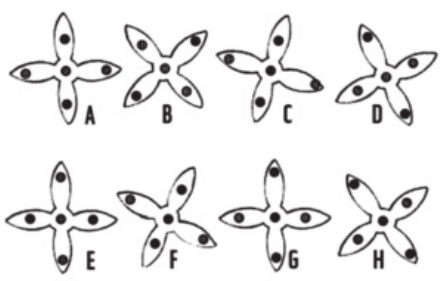
1 Raita; 6 Deler;
7 Halma; 8 Came I;
9 Bahts

DOWN

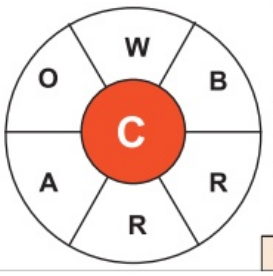
1 A herb; 2 Lamia;
3 Dam it; 4 Cheat;
5 Laser

Mensapuzzle

Arrange these patterns into four pairs.



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

03 Average; 04 Good; 05 Outstanding

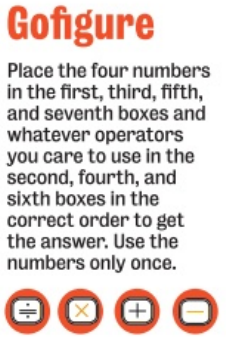
SudokuChallenge

9	5	1				7	8	6
				9				
	6						4	
	7	2	6		4	9	1	
			2		9			
	8	9	7		1	4	3	
	3						7	
				4				
8	9	7				1	5	4

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.



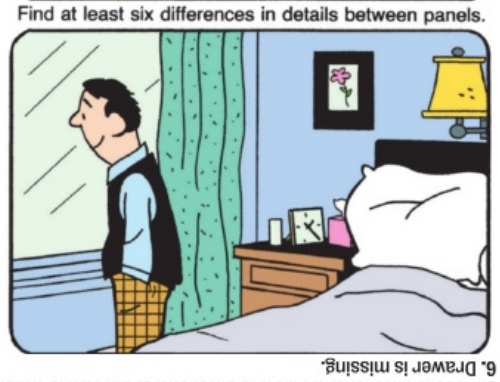
Easy = 20
5 8 8 9

Medium = 63
6 7 7 8

Hard = 40
3 4 6 3

Hocusfocus

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



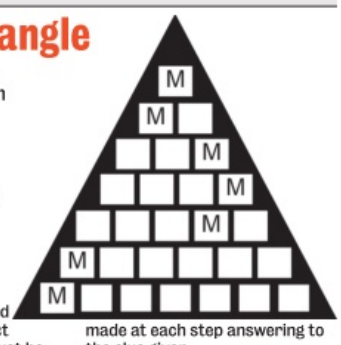
Differences: 1. Flower picture is reversed. 2. Clock is larger. 3. Nose is different. 4. Pillow is different. 5. Curtain is wider. 6. Drawer is missing.

Riddler

Which former British PM might DISALLOW LIGAMENT?

Alpha triangle

1 Thirteenth letter
2 Personal pronoun
3 Jewel
4 Bacterium
5 Ingrained dirt
6 Desert illusion
7 French detective



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS

Redeye by Mel Casson

Bizarrotrip

Diamond Lil

Hart of the city

I'M STILL UPSET ABOUT CHARLOTTE PUTTING MY STORY ONLINE.
SHE PROBABLY SHOULD HAVE ASKED YOU IF YOU WANTED IT UP FOR PEOPLE TO READ.
SO WHILE SHE THOUGHT SHE WAS DOING YOU A FAVOR, YOU DIDN'T REALLY GET A CHANCE TO AGREE OR DISAGREE TO HAVING IT ONLINE. IT MAKES SENSE THAT YOU'RE UPSET.
THIS MUST BE WHAT IT'S LIKE TO HAVE A THERAPIST. IT'S NICE.

Crankshaft

Mutts

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today, your destiny may be with you. You can manage things easily; it may boost your confidence; you may plan to visit some spiritual place. You are likely to donate some amount to a religious activity or to some charity. You may expect a short business trip. Blessings from elders may give peace of mind. Lovebirds may get some help from family members in terms of marriage.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today, you may feel dull; you may have some small health-related issues which may affect your daily routine. You may explore and analyse yourself to figure out your negativities. You may feel alone while sitting in a crowd also; your focus may be lost. During late evening, with the help of elders, you may overcome this messy situation.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today, you may get some business orders which may be profitable in the near future. You may implement some new ideas on the workfront. New partnerships may come. You may be busy in your work; it may make you mentally tired. It will affect your domestic life.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today, you perform well in your job; you colleagues may cooperate with you; your performance in the job may be good. You may be able to complete your postponed projects on time. You may lend money for investment purposes. Job-seekers may get a new job. There will be positive news for natives affected by old health issues.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today, situation will now be okay; people around you may now respond to you. You are advised not to take life as a burden. You should try to sustain yourself in unavoidable situations. You may face some difficulties in easy gains. Somehow blessings from elders may help you to come out from this situation. Your confusion in choosing targets may now be over.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, tasks may become incomplete; you may be a victim of mood swings. Your patience may be tested many times; silly mistakes may confuse you while you conclude your work. Lovebirds may find themselves to be confused in terms of feelings. More expectations may affect your emotional attachment with the spouse. You are advised to take care of your parents. Students may lose their concentration.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today, with the help of your subordinate staff, you may be able to complete postponed projects. Your network may be boosted now, which may help you in your work or social life. You may plan to go for an outing with friends or siblings. Some disputes with neighbours may be resolved now. Students are advised to overcome laziness and carelessness.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today, you may spend money for your family issues. It may affect your financial health. You are advised to avoid spending money on worthless things. You may think twice before acting. It is advised to control your straightforwardness to maintain harmony in your domestic and professional life.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today is a good day for you. You may have a positive environment around you after hearing some good news from siblings. Job-seekers may get a good job. Spiritual energy may help you to take the right decision. Your focus towards your goal will be clear now. Students may have a good focus on the studies.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today, you may feel dull, you may not feel healthy, you are likely to find yourself standing on crossroads. It is advised to follow your intuition before making some important decision. It is advised to drive safely and avoid adventure tourism. You may criticise yourself; you may find it difficult to take some important decision, which may be a reason for the lack of self-confidence in you. It may affect your social image around

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today is important in terms of gains. You may get results with less efforts. Your losses may convert into profits with the help of your intelligence. You may plan to get into some academics. You may donate some amount to religious place or charity. You may also help some needy person. Some investment in intellectual assets may be possible. Students may do better.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, your performance may be very good in terms of profession; you may have full support of your boss or senior; you are likely to get new opportunities. You may expect to get a new job also. Job- seekers may find a suitable job. Singles will find their love at their workplace

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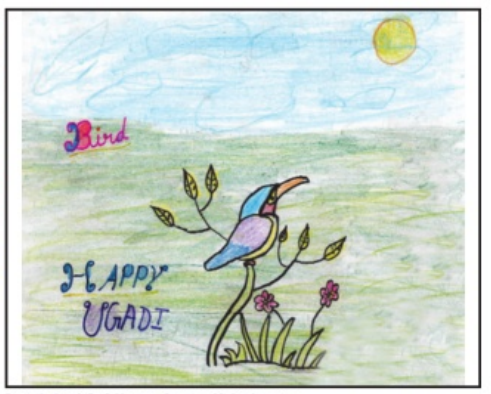

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
Since there are 3 primes: 2,3,5 the probability will be 3/3 out of all possible pairs
9/36=1/4

BULL'S EYE
cobra, crab, craw, crow, CROWBAR

FAST FIVE

B	A	T	H	S
A	M	I	C	E
H	A	M	A	L
E	L	D	E	R
R	I	A	T	A

STRIKE OUT

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MENSA PUZZLE
AE, BD, CG, FH.

RIDDLER
William Gladstone

QUOTE UNCODE
A good traveler has no fixed plans, and is not intent on arriving.

SUDOKU

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4	3	6	9	1	5	2	7	8
6	8	9	7	5	1	4	3	2
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2	6	3	1	7	8	5	4	9
7	4	8	5	9	6	3	2	1
9	5	1	4	2	3	7	8	6

ALPHA TRIANGLE
M, Me, Gem, Germ, Grime, Mirage, Maigret.

GO FIGURE
Easy
9 – 5 + 8 + 8 = 20
Medium
7 + 8 – 6 x 7 = 63
Hard
3 + 3 x 6 + 4 = 40

LOOP

KAKURO

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